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SUBJECT

Public meeting organised by the public of Bangalore in connection with the observance of fast by Mr. Gandhi & the formation of an association named "Anjumani Anwarul Adab" at Chennapatna.

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Office of the District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

D.O. Dated Bangalore, 30th September 1924.

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Dear Sir,

I beg to submit herewith a copy of confidential report No.24 dated 29th instant from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, about a public meeting organized by the citizens of Bangalore in connection with the observance of fast by Mr.M.K.Gandhi. A copy of the printed notice is also enclosed.

The Amildar of Channapatna Taluk reports that an association named "Anjumani Anvarul Adab" has been organized at Channapatna by one Syed Osman Soviulaw and some others with a view to help Muslim Velloori in his activities. A copy of his report is also submitted.

Yours sincerely,

B Sambasiva Rao

K.Matthan, Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,Bangalore.

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A PUBLIC MEETING

FELLOW CITIZENS OF BANGALORE,

You are, no doubt, aware that Mahatma Gandhi has announced his intention of undergoing a fast for a period of three weeks commencing from the 18th of this month. You are also aware why he has resolved to undertake such a severe course. The cause is, as is generally known, the growing discord that exists between the two great communites—Hindus and Musalmans—in India. The fact cannot be disputed that there is anything but harmony between them as evidenced by the serious disturbances that are reported to have occured recently in many parts of India. No true lover of the country, no matter what his views and opinions may be in Politics or Religion, would wish to see the continuance of this state of affairs in the interests of our Motherland and Humanity. Whether we agree with Mahatma Gandhi in his views or not, there cannot be any difference of opinion, we venture to believe, on this, namely, that he is a sincere lover of his Motherland and his countrymen. That being so, his life is surely precious and dear to us all. His resolution to fast such a long period as 21 days calls for our urgent attention to the existing state of affairs and immediate action to bring about unity between Hindus and Mohammadans and thus help in saving the life of one of the greatest sons of our Motherland.

It is proposed to hold a public meeting of the citizens of Bangalore, representative of all interests, communal and otherwise, in Tippu Sultan's Palace on the 28th instant at 6 P.M., to pass resolutions and concert necessary measures in connection with the above objects.

ALL ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND

B. K. Garudachar,
Karpur Srinivasa Rao,
Modi Abdul Gafur,
Dr. C. B. Rama Rao,
W. H. Thorpe,
J. R. Issac,
Haji Oosman Sait,
P. Subbarama Chetty,
S. Venkatachala Iyengar,
Gulam Ahmed Kalami,
Nemachand Velchand,
Amrit Jesraj Desai,
Abdul Karim Mahter,
B. N. Vijaya Deva,
K. Sampathgiri Rao,
B. Abdur Rahman,
S. Srikantiah,
G. Muniappa,
Mahamad Sheriff,
B. L. Byanna,
Nilgiri Sanjiviah,
R. Gopalaswami Iyer,
C. Abdul Nabi,
K. Narayaniengar,
V. Vajapei,
C. Lakshmana Gowda,
M. P. Somasekhara Rao,
B. Chinnaswamy Chetty,
K. Shamanna,
S. N. M. Razvi.

Confidential report No.24 dated 29-9-1924 from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, to the District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

I beg to report that hand-bills signed by Mr.B.K.Garudachar and 29 others announcing the holding of a meeting of citizens of Bangalore at Tippu Sultan's Palace yesterday evening at 6 P.M. in connection with Mahatma Gandhi's fast were circulated and 2 copies of the same are enclosed for kind perusal as also a copy of the report of the C.Division Inspector about the proceedings thereof.

All the speakers were unanimous in the preservation and continuance of Hindu-Moslem unity and a resolution was passed that the citizens of Bangalore of all castes and creeds have vowed not to give room to any communal disturbance or hatred and the resolution was wired to the Delhi Conference praying that Mahatma Gandhi may break his fast.

Copy of Encl.

S u b m i t t e d.

A public meeting of the citizens of Bangalore City organized by Messrs. B.K.Garudachar, Karpur Srinivasa Rao, Modi Abdul Gaffoor, W.H.Thorpe and others was held this evening at 6 P.M. at the Tippu Sultan Palace, Fort, with Dr. C. B. Rama Rao, M.D. in the Chair, in connection with the 21 days fasting being observed by Mahatma Gandhi for bringing about unanimity between Hindus and Moslems in India.

A resolution was proposed to the effect that a wire should be sent to the Delhi Conference that the citizens of Bangalore of all castes and creeds will take a vow that they will hereafter give no room for any disturbance on religious grounds and will cultivate universal brotherhood, and that they pray Mahatma Gandhi to break his fast etc. It was seconded by a number of speakers such as Messrs. Thorpe, Issaac, Karpur Srinivasa Rao, Dayananda Bharati, Md.Sheriff, Vijaya Deva, Setlur, Razvi, Sampathgiri Rao

and etc. and was unanimously carried out. The meeting closed at about 8 P.M. after a short speech by the Chairman. The gathering was fairly large being about two thousand.

Sd. K. Poornachar.

29-9-1924. C. Division Inspector.

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District Magistrate, Bangalore Dist.

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Confidential letter dated 28th Sept.1924 from the Amildar, Channapatna Taluk, to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist.

Information has reached me from a reliable source that with a view to help the activities of Muslim Velloori -the Moulvi who came to the notice of Government during the last Moharrum at Mysore, one Syed Osman Soviulaw of Mr. Gulab Khan a well-to-do silk Merchant and Municipal member here has been with his Assistants (1) Syed Khalander Peer Zahir, (2) Attanji Miya, (3) Syed Khader Basha, organising a sort of association named Anjumani Anvarul Adab (which means Light of Civilization or Order) and giving it a colour and false idea that it is a general Muslim movement of Channapatna. Recently Government have condemned the activities of Muslim Veloori at Mysore and I therefore think that the activities of his helpers are also to be viewed with disfavour. It has also come to my notice from the same source that messages are being exchanged between their leaders at Mysore and themselves and that the local organizers mentioned above are secretly collecting subscriptions. I shall very confidentially and carefully enquire and verify the above information and report again. I have made arrangements for secretly watching the movements of these persons. At present no nonofficial except one gentleman -the informant is aware that the local authorities are in possession of the above information. I am satisfied that it is not a general Muslim movement of Channapatna Town but the activity of a few persons perhaps not more than a dozen. I shall submit a further report shortly.

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District Magistrate, Bangalore District.